

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
2500 NORTH LINCOLN BOULEVARD
STATE BOARD ROOM, SUITE 1-20
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

June 27, 2024

The State Board of Education met in a regular session at 9:05 a.m. on Thursday, June 27, 2024, in the Board Room of the Oliver Hodge Education Building at 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The final agenda was posted at 8:50 a.m. on Wednesday, June 26, 2024.

The following were present:

Mr. Michael Beason, General Counsel to the State Department of Education
Ms. Cara Nicklas, General Counsel to the State Board of Education
Ms. Terrie Cheadle, Chief Executive Secretary

Members of the State Board of Education present:

State Superintendent Ryan Walters, Chairman of the Board
Mr. Zachary Archer, Hammon
Mr. Donald Burdick, Tulsa
Ms. Sarah Lepak, Claremore
Mrs. Katie Quebedeaux, Guymon
Mrs. Kendra Wesson, Norman

Others in attendance are shown as an attachment.

CALL TO ORDER

State Superintendent Ryan Walters called the State Board of Education regular meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Ms. Cheadle called the roll and ascertained there was a quorum.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT

Information from the State Superintendent

Superintendent Walters welcomed everyone to the meeting and led Board Members and all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag, a salute to the Oklahoma Flag and Prayer.

Superintendent Walters addressed Summer Boismier efforts to push inappropriate materials in the classroom, importance to protect children, upholding state law and state statutes and considerations to remove teaching licenses; updated on Oklahoma Supreme Court ruling on St. Isidore Virtual Charter School, importance of school choice and challenging the U.S. Supreme Court decisions; and instruction to Oklahoma schools to incorporate the Bible and Ten Commandments historical documents in education.

BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE

Minutes of the May 23, 2024, regular State Board of Education meeting - Approved

Board member Quebedeaux moved to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2024, regular State Board of Education meeting. Board member Wesson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; Mr. Archer, yes and Superintendent Walters, yes.

CONSENT DOCKET - Approved

Discussion and possible action on the following deregulation applications, statutory waivers, and exemptions for the 2023-2024 school year and other requests:

- (a) Request approval on exceptions to State Board of Education teacher certification regulations to permit issuance of emergency (provisional) certificates - [70 O.S. § 6-187](#)

Board member Wesson moved to approve the Consent Docket waiver requests. Board member Quebedeaux seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; Mr. Archer, yes and Superintendent Walters, yes.

ACCREDITATION STANDARDS

Presentation from Tulsa Public School District, discussion, and possible action on the Tulsa Public School District accreditation status for the 2022-2023 school year

Dr. Ebony Johnson, Superintendent, Tulsa Public School District (TPS) said she completed 2023-24 school year and looking forward to the upcoming 2024-2025 school year. Thanked the Tulsa Public School Board of Education and 33,000 plus student, families served every day and special thanks to our 7000 employees. Appreciated the State Department of Education team members visit and viewed Ready Set Summer in progress, and touring Eisenhower and McClure Elementary Schools. The 2023-24 end-of-year report including data on summer and fall initiatives, analysis and strategies will reflect plans for the upcoming school year.

The TPS 2023-24 Improvement Plan updates included actions taken toward the three OSDE 2023-24 goals on literacy improvement, science of reading training and MRI school improvement, annual accreditation review/reduced deficiencies; improved academics, attendance, absenteeism, discipline rates, student learning support, graduation and credit recovery grant program and fall assessment implementation 2024; review of non-negotiables to continue improvement based on data use, district's selective curriculum and assessment tools, empowering TPS families, create and maintain warm and supportive environments and leading by example.

Sean Berkstresser, Executive Director of Information and Analytics highlighted definition of chronic absenteeism of 90% or less attendance, learning improvements with increased instruction time, student disciplines and positive behavior supports, and specific needs addressed; community partner assisted programming provided fun, engaged, and enriching experiences; and targeted enrollment, regular ELA formative assessments, and implement specific platforms.

Board members asked questions and discussed instruction days, Ready Set Summer learning environments, consistent progress information, efficient data used by teachers; and Dr. Johnson and TPS congratulated on job well done.

Dr. Johnson concluded TPS continues to strive towards progress, build partnerships be active in OSDE relationship, analyze purposeful things, being intentional to expedite change needed for our young people. Future commitments to continuously improve based on data, teach essential standards, use district selected curriculum and assessment resources, create, and maintain warm and supportive environments and leading by example, RSA data, MAP assessment performance and growth.

Superintendent Walters said the TPS team have been intentional in executing and completing the OSDE goals. Dr. Johnson's clarity on expectations, no excuse attitude and commitment to long-term success are appreciated.

LEGAL SERVICES

Monthly report on complaints filed, and status thereof, regarding alleged violations of 70 O.S. § 24-157 and Administrative Code Rule 210:10-1-23, prohibiting race and sex discrimination

Michael Beason, General Counsel, State Department of Education (OSDE), advised complaints received regarding House Bill 1775 are ongoing. An injunction was issued by Judge Goodwin in the Western District of Oklahoma and enjoins the enforcement on page 29, paragraph A1.

Resolve into Executive Session pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307 (B) (4) (7) and (8) for the purpose of discussing possible action on the following:

- (1) The Request for Disqualification of Board Member filed by Respondent Summer Boismier in the matter of State of Oklahoma, *ex rel.* State Department of Education v. Summer Boismier, Case No. 2023-02

Convene into Executive Session

Board member Burdick moved to convene into Executive Session at 10:11 a.m. Board member Quebedeaux seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; Mr. Archer, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

Return to Open Session

Board member Quebedeaux moved to return to Open Session at 10:41 a.m. Board member Burdick seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; Mr. Archer, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

No decisions were made on the matters discussed in the Executive Session. General Counsel Cara Nicklas remained in the Executive Session.

- (1) Board member Burdick moved to deny Agenda item 8 (a) (1) to disqualify board member filed by Respondent in the matter of State of Oklahoma, *ex rel.* State Department of Education v. Summer Boismier (Case No. 2023-02). Board member Wesson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; Mr. Archer, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

Resolve into Executive Session pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307 (B) (4) (7) and (8) for the purpose of discussing possible action on the following:

- (2) Hearing Officer's proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law and order on the teacher certificate of Summer Boismier, (Case No. 2023-02)

- (3) Issue an emergency order summarily suspending the teacher certificates and certificate numbers of **1) Kanyen Cole; 2) Russel Fincher; 3) Solan Harrison; 4) Shawna Kathrein; 5) James Pahcody; and 6) Rhonda Turley** pending an individual proceeding for revocation or other action-**70 O.S. § [3-104](#); 75 O.S. § 314; OAC 210-1-5-6**
- (4) Issue an emergency order to suspend the teacher certificates and certificate numbers of **1) Amanda Bristow/Adams, 2) Toya Edwards/Benton; 3) Essence Fields; 4) Jeff Myers; 5) Brandi Price; and 6) Travis Sloat** on previously approved orders to revoke and moving for summary suspension - **70 O.S. § 3-104; OAC 210-1-5-6**
- (5) Issue an emergency order summarily suspending the teacher certificate and certificate number of **Russell Ray Bailey** pending a criminal trial outcome -**70 O.S. § 3-104; OAC 210-1-5-6**
- (6) Hearing Officer's proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law and order on the teacher certificates and certificate numbers of **Stacy Lynn Jones Dimarco** -**70 O.S. § 3-104; OAC 210-1-5-6**
- (7) Consent Order to Reinstate after Statutory Suspensions the Oklahoma teacher certificates and certificate numbers of **1) Kacy Katibeh and 2) Erin Overton** - **70 O. S. § 3-104; 75 O.S. § 314; OAC 210-1-5-6**
- (8) Consent Order to accept Voluntary Surrender of Oklahoma teacher certificates and certificate numbers of **1) Micah Nall and 2) Rhonda Carlile** - **70 O.S. § 3-104; OAC 210-1-5-6**
- (9) **Ineligible to renew-** **1)Jeremy Lee** (Tier 2 paraprofessional credentials); **2) Paul T. Martin II** (TNO454260); **3) Chandell Bell** (TNO440509); **4) Nicko Miranda** (TNO451924); **5) James T. Allen** (TNO203854); **6) John Q. Horner III** (TNO238359); **7) John Robert Downs** (TNO460020); **8) Vickey Lynn Pitts** (Tier 2 paraprofessional credentials); **9) Jennifer Foster** (TNO429624); **10) Jason Jones** (TNO220613; **11) Lowell Price** (TNO437437); **12) Rebecca Chapa** (TNO454538); **13) Robert Jake Fisher** (TNO459485); **14) Marquisha Washington** (TNO453464); **15)Amanda Cripe** (TNO431632); **16) Jeffrey Fry** (TNO174063); **17) Brittany Gray** (TNO440802); **18)Shannon Grochow** (TNO454155) and **19) Thomas Lenar** (TNO447683)
- (10) Appeals on student transfer application denial - **[70 O.S. § 8-101.2](#)**; 25 O.S. § 307(B) (8); OAC 210:10-1-18.1

Jenks Public Schools - 24-01
Bristow Public Schools - 24-02

Convene into Executive Session

Board member Burdick moved to convene into Executive Session at 10:42 a.m. Board member Quebedeaux seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; Mr. Archer, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

Return to Open Session

Board member Burdick moved to return to Open Session at 2:12 p.m. Board member Quebedeaux seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; Mr. Archer, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

No decisions were made on the matters discussed in the Executive Session. General Counsel Cara Nicklas remained in the Executive Session

(2) Board member Quebedeaux moved to revoke the Hearing Officer's proposed findings of facts, conclusions of law and order on the teacher certificate of **Summer Boismier**, and direct council for the board to prepared findings of facts and conclusions of law based exclusively on the evidence presented during the course of the hearing as previously filed briefs, of testimony of witnesses taken under oath that reflected a decision to revoke the teacher certificate of Summer Boismier for violation of the Code of Conduct, specifically Section 20-29-2, Section 210:20-29-3 (b)(14), and Section 210:20-29-46. Council will be directed to present the findings of fact and conclusions of law at the next Board meeting. Board member Wesson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; Mr. Archer, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

(3) Board member Quebedeaux moved to summarily suspend the teacher certificate and certificate number of **Kanyen Cole** and order that a hearing officer be appointed to conduct a hearing for revocation as other action and that a time and date be set. Board member Wesson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; Mr. Archer, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

Board member Quebedeaux moved to summarily suspend the teacher certificate and certificate number of **Russel Fincher** and order that a hearing officer be appointed to conduct a hearing for revocation as other action and that a time and date be set. Board member Wesson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; Mr. Archer, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

Board member Quebedeaux moved to summarily suspend the teacher certificate and certificate number of **Solan Harrison** and order that a hearing officer be appointed to conduct a hearing for revocation as other action and that a time and date be set. Board member Wesson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; Mr. Archer, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

Board member Quebedeaux moved to summarily suspend the teacher certificate and certificate number of **Shawna Kathrein** and order that a hearing officer be appointed to conduct a hearing for revocation as other action and that a time and date be set. Board member Wesson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; Mr. Archer, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

Board member Quebedeaux moved to summarily suspend the teacher certificate and certificate number of **James Pahcuddy** and order that a hearing officer be appointed to conduct a hearing for revocation as other action and that a time and date be set. Board member Wesson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; Mr. Archer, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

Board member Quebedeaux moved to order an appointment of a hearing officer to conduct a hearing on the revocation to revoke the teaching certificate of **Rhonda Turley**, and that a time and date be set. Board member Wesson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; Mr. Archer, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

(4) Board member Quebedeaux moved to summarily suspend the teacher certificate and certificate number of **Amanda Bristow Adams** pending a revocation hearing. Board member Wesson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; Mr. Archer, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

Board member Quebedeaux moved to summarily suspend the teacher certificate the teacher certificate and certificate number of **Toya Edwards/Benton** pending a revocation hearing. Board member Wesson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; Mr. Archer, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

Board member Quebedeaux moved to summarily suspend the teacher certificate suspend the teacher certificate and certificate number of **Essence Fields** pending a revocation hearing. Board member Wesson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; Mr. Archer, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

Board member Quebedeaux moved to summarily suspend the teacher certificate suspend the teacher certificate and certificate number of **Jeff Myers** pending a revocation hearing. Board member Wesson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; Mr. Archer, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

Board member Quebedeaux moved to summarily suspend the teacher certificate suspend the teacher certificate and certificate number of **Brandi Price** pending a revocation hearing. Board member Wesson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; Mr. Archer, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

Board member Quebedeaux moved to summarily suspend the teacher certificate and certificate number of **Travis Sloat** pending a revocation hearing. Board member Wesson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; Mr. Archer, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

(5) Board member Quebedeaux moved to summarily suspend the teacher certificated and certificate number of the teacher certificate and certificate number of **Russell Ray Bailey** pending the outcome of Pushmataha County Case Number CN-2023-129. Board member Wesson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; Mr. Archer, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

(6) Board member Quebedeaux moved to accept the proposed findings and conclusions of the Hearing Officer and move to revoke the teacher certificate and certificate number of **Stacy Lynn Jones DiMarco**. Board member Wesson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; Mr. Archer, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

(7) Board member Quebedeaux moved to reinstate after statutory suspension of the teacher certificates and certificate numbers of **Kacy Katibeth** and **Erin Overton**. Board member Wesson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; Mr. Archer, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

(8) Board member Quebedeaux moved to accept the voluntary surrender of the teacher certificate and certificate number of **Micha Nall**. Board member Wesson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; Mr. Archer, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

Board member Quebedeaux moved to accept the voluntary surrender of the teacher certificate and certificate number of **Rhonda Carlile**. Board member Wesson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; Mr. Archer, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

(9) Board member Quebedeaux moved for an order determining the individuals listed on **Agenda item 8. (a) (9)** be deemed ineligible to renew their teacher certificate and certificate number. Board member Wesson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; Mr. Archer, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

(10) Superintendent Walters moved to accept the appeal from Jenks parent and rejecting the denial of Jenks Public School District. Board member Archer seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; Mr. Archer, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

Board member Burdick moved to overturn the denial of the student transfer application and accept the transfer of the student at Bristow Public Schools. Board member Lepak seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; Mr. Archer, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Individuals signed up to speak on Agenda item #9 included Carey Warner, Sandra Valentine, Reed Downey, Ronda Peterson, Sean Cummings, Ed Moore, Stephanie Pyle, Christie Shea, Connie Thayer, and Donald Whitney.

ADJOURNMENT

Board member Archer moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:52 p.m. Board member Quebedeaux seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; Mr. Archer; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

The next regular meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Thursday July 27, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will convene at the State Department of Education-State Board Room, 2500 North Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Ryan Walters, Chairman of the Board

Terrie Cheadle, Chief Executive Secretary